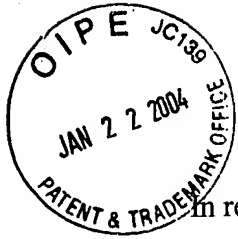


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the Japanese references listed below is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,648,865
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,995,131
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,038,053
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,046,835
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,094,286
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,133,935
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 6,424,446
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 6,542,278
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 6,593,951

- (10) U.S. Publication No. 2002/0149668
- (11) U.S. Publication No. 2003/0025784
- (12) U.S. Publication No. 2003/0043442
- (13) U.S. Publication No. 2003/0048352
- (14) U.S. Publication No. 2003/0053185
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- (18) Japan 2002-148542
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Reference (15) is discussed in the specification at page 5, line 17, to page 6, line 5, and page 6, line 11, to page 7, line 7; reference (17) is discussed in the specification at page 6, line 6, to page 7, line 7; reference (16) is discussed in the specification at page 7, lines 8 to 22; and references (18) and (19) are discussed in the specification at page 7, line 23, to page 8, line 12. These references might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein.

An English-language abstract for each of the above-listed Japanese documents has been located and is enclosed. In addition, reference (1) is believed to be an English-language counterpart to reference (15) and reference (9) is believed to be an English-language counterpart to reference (18).

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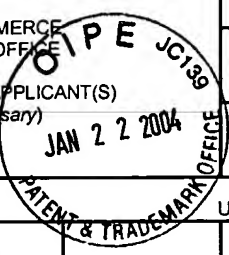
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